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Mr. Drew DeWalt
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Subj: YOUR FOIA REQUEST (DON-NAVY-2023-001925)

Dear Mr. DeWalt,

This letter is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), assigned tracking number DON-NAVY-2023-001925, dated November 17, 2022, for your request of the following report:

"I request that a copy of the following documents [or documents containing the following information] be provided to me: Defense Digital Services report on Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) software and IT systems analysis
In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am a civilian looking to build software to modernize the Department of Defense's IT systems, and this request is to better scope the opportunity for a business providing these services and software."

One document is provided with redactions, pursuant to the following FOIA exemptions: Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). Names and addresses to whom this information pertains have a substantial privacy interest in withholding it. Because the harm to personal privacy is greater than whatever public interest may be served by disclosure, release of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of these individuals. Exemption 2, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2) exempts disclosure of records that are "related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency."

Your fee is waived in this instance only.

You have the right to an appeal. It must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide a letter requesting an appeal, with a copy of your initial request and a copy of the letter of denial, in an envelope marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." You are encouraged, though not required, to provide an explanation why you believe the redactions were inappropriate or our search was inadequate. Also, please provide a copy of your appeal letter to us at Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, 1322 Patterson Avenue, SE, Suite 1000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5065.

There are two ways to file an appeal—through FOIAonline or by mail.

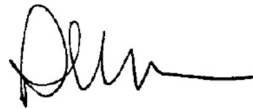
1. Through FOIAonline: Go to <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home/>. Locate your request (enter a keyword or the request tracking number in the “Search” field), click on it, then the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click “Save,” and FOIAonline will submit your appeal.

2. By mail: Address your appeal to:

Department of the Navy
Office of the General Counsel
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532
Washington, DC 20350-1000

If you have any questions, please contact my FOIA coordinator at abby.j.machalec.civ@us.navy.mil, (202) 685-9269. You may also contact the Department of Navy (DON) FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka.civ@us.navy.mil, (703) 697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the DON. For more information, go to <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. A. Pollock', with a stylized flourish at the end.

P. A. POLLOCK
Chief Management Officer

Copy to:
NAVFAC (CIO, OGC)